

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 12, 16-25 and 27-29, and 31-36 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 3, 6, 9-11, 13-15, 26, and 30 are canceled. Claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 12, 16-20, 22, and 24 have been amended. Claims 1, 16, 17, 18, and 19 are independent claims.

Certain amendments have been made to various claims for clarification. Each of these claims, with the proposed amendments, represent allowable subject matter. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, each of claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 12, 16-25 and 27-29, and 31-36 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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